

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Please replace the original drawing sheet including informal Figures 1 to 4B with the attached replacement drawing sheet, on which Figures 1 to 4B have been made formal.

No other changes have been made to the drawings.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 remain pending in this application, with claim 1 being independent.

The Examiner has rejected only claim 5 in the final office action. However, it should be noted that claim 5 was cancelled in response to the first office action and that claims 1-4 and 6 remain pending. Applicant is assuming that the Examiner meant to state that claims 1-4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 USC 103. If this understanding is wrong, Applicants request that the Examiner send a non-final office action.

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,392,899 (Harrison) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,975,915 (Yamazaki). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Nowhere does Harrison or Yamazaki teach or disclose a spring contact as recited in claim 1. Harrison teaches interconnects that mate substrate to substrate not a spring contact. In addition, Yamazaki teaches a signal contacts to test leaded components. Nowhere does Yamazaki teach or disclose a spring contact.

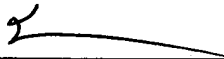
In summary, for the reasons noted above, Claims 1-4 and 6 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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